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NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT APPLICATION

This is responsive to the Office Communication of 6/20/01 advising that the application papers filed do not satisfy the requirements for the national stage of a PCT application.

In a telephone conference on June 27, 2001, Ms. Campbell's attention was directed to the filing cover letter (copy attached) which clearly states that the application is the national stage of a Pct application, the cover letter further identifying the serial no. of the application, its filing date, the inventors names and the title. Together with the cover letter, an English language copy of the PCT application and a copy of the International search report were submitted.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm Applicant's understanding of the substance of the telephone conference that the application would be treated as the national stage of PCT/EP99/08481.

Respectfully submitted,



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